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Mr Morrison was born in Pleasantville, Venango county on the 4th day of May 1840 He was raised on a farm and as soon as he was old enough to perform manual labor was made to work as farmers boys were accustomed to work in those days Three months of the twelve and those the winter months he was given a chance to acquire a knowledge of the common school branches At eighteen years of age he was sufficiently versed in these branches to commence teaching school He continued to work at farming summers and teaching school winters until the war broke out and when the 142nd Reg Pa Vols was organized he enlisted and was mustered in as a private in Co F of that regiment He continued in active service until during the battle of Fredericksburg Va on the 13th of December, 1862 when he lost his left arm at the shoulder and received a severe wound in the left knee The comrades of Mr Morrison supposed they were carrying a dying soldier off the field of battle when they were carefully conveying his body to the rear but fate had decreed otherwise Notwithstanding the severity of his wounds and the exposure incident to his long and painful journey only with arms Hancock's corps Mr Morrison survived and was taken to Washington where he remained in hospital until the spring of 1863 He was then mustered out of service and returned to his home in Pleasantville [illegible] life Although without money or friends he was unanimously elected Justice of the Peace for the borough of Pleasantville which position he filled with great satisfaction until the fall of 1867 when he was elected Treasurer of Venango county He was required to furnish heavy bonds and although a poor man so short a time did the capitalists of Pleasantville and Titusville believe in his integrity that his official bonds were signed without any hesitancy by men in those two places representing millions of money and of both political parties In 1871 he was appointed deputy collector of Internal Revenue by his old army comrade Capt E R Gray While serving as Treasurer he lived in Franklin but when he was appointed Collector he moved to Oil City where he remained only a few years and where he lived when he was married. Subsequently he returned to his old home in Pleasantville where he practiced law with his long friend Hon M C Beebe After a time spent in the law he practiced law in Pleasantville until 1874 when he moved with his family to this place and where he has since continued to reside During the eight years of his residence here he has engaged in no business but the practice of his profession and it is no flattery to say that he is known all over this and adjoining counties that he has built up an extensive practice He is a careful painstaking lawyer and no man in this section equals him in mastering the intricacies of the law Mr Morrison is a [illegible] man of the State has shown great [illegible] ment in mastering the intricacies of the law than Mr Morrison in this section [illegible] There can be but one opinion in this district as to Mr Morrison's [illegible] and that is he is one of the most straight-out, square-dealing [illegible] men in the State for the position of Additional Law Judge

WILLIAM B. CLARKE.

The gentleman whose name heads this notice is the nominee of the Republican party for Sheriff Mr Clarke was born in Westbrook, Conn., in 1845, and at 2 years of age his father moved to New York City William was educated in the high schools of that city from which he subsequently graduated When about 18 years of age he entered the employ of Jacob Lorillard, the celebrated tobacconist, for whom he worked four years The Lorillard establishment employed over 600 men at that time and Clarke was not only the principle bookkeeper but had entire charge of the internal revenue branch of the business. There was a heavy tax on tobacco in those war times, and thousands of dollars of internal revenue tax was paid monthly by this one establishment Mr Clarke had the confidence of his employer to an extent that very few men possess before the age of 21 years and he has in his possession at this time a letter of recommendation from Jacob Lorillard upon which he very properly places a high value In 1866, at the instance of a brother-in-law, who owned a majority of the stock of the Home Petroleum Company, he visited Oil Creek, the valley of which was then booming as an oil territory. This company owned the Blood farm, which was fine producing territory, and Clarke was finally induced to take the position of Assistant Superintendent and given considerable charge of the property He remained in the employ of the company nearly 9 years, five of which he lived in Titusville. Mr Clarke came to McKean county in 1875, locating in Turpot. For four years he had charge of the oil properties of Col. A. L. Wilcox, who for a long time in the employ of his father-in-law, Frederick Crocker, Esq., whose producing interests were very large, and during a portion of the time superintended the extensive coal business of Sheriff Rannon. In 1876 he was married to Edna Crocker, daughter of Frederick Crocker, the well-known oil producer, the result of that union being a boy about 9 years of age. Three years ago in January next, Mr. Clarke was appointed Sheriff Rannon's principal deputy, and it is universally conceded that he has made one of the most popular officials the county ever had. He engaged in the coal business at Oil City and for years was the senior member of the firm of McElroy & Porter, a house business connections were very extensive all over the oil country Mr McElroy was quite prominent in the organization of the city government of Oil City and was elected to represent the ward in which he lived in the first councils He was afterwards elected and served a term as mayor of that city and filled various other positions of trust and honor In 1875 he was married to Miss Martha Woodburn of Franklin, the result of that union being three children two of whom are now living In March 1879, Mr McElroy moved to Bradford on this county, where he also engaged in the coal business Soon after he was elected to the councils where his former experience in municipal legislation proved of great help in legislating for that city Subsequently he was elected President of the common councils and took a leading part in pushing forward public improvements He has always taken an active part in social and benificial societies and is at present recorder of the A O U W of this place He has been a member of the Grand Army organization since 1878

Thankful Blossom

A Romance of the Jerseys, 1779.

By BRET HARTE

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household duties—in which she was usually skillful—and in her own thoughts that today had a novelty in their meaning In the midst of this, at about dark, her room being in the rear of the house, who was perhaps unmindful of the tramp-ling of horse without or the sound of voices in the hall below. Neither was uncommon at that time Although protected by the Continental army from foreign aggression or the rudeness of soldiery, the Blossom farm had always been a halting place for passing troopers, commissary teamsters and reconnoitering officers Gen. Sullivan and Col. Hamilton had watered their horses at its broad, substantial watering trough and sat in the shade of its porch Miss Thankful was only awakened from her day dream by the entrance of the negro farm hand, Cæsar

Fo God, Missy Thankful, them sogers is g wine into camp in the road I reckon for they s jest making theyseves frgs afo the house, and they s an officer in the company room with his spurs cocked on the table readin' a book."

A quick flame leaped into Thankful s cheek and her pretty brows knit themselves over darkening eyes She arose from her work no longer the moody girl but an indignant goddess and, pushing the servant aside, swept down the stairs and threw open the door

An officer sitting by the fire in an easy lounging attitude that justified the servant s criticism, arose instantly with an air of evident embarrassment and surprise that was however, as quickly dominated and controlled by a gentleman s breeding

I beg your pardon " he said, with a deep inclination of his handsome head, but I had no idea that there was any member of this household at home—at least, a lady He hesitated a moment catching in the raising of her brown fringe lids a sudden revelation of her beauty and partly losing his composure I am Maj Van Zandt I have the honor of addressing ——

' Thankful Blossom, said Thankful a little proudly divining with a woman s swift instinct the cause of the major s hesitation But her triumph was checked by a new embarrassment visible in the face of the officer at the mention of her name.

Thankful Blossom," replied the officer quickly You are then the daughter of Abner Blossom?

Certainly, said Thankful turning her inquiring eyes upon him He will be here in times He has gone only to Morristown In a new fear that had taken possession of her her questioning eyes asked "Has he not?

He will n t return today Mistress Thankful nor perh ps even to-morrow He is —a prisoner

Thankful opened her brown eyes aggressively on the major A prisoner—for what

For aiding and giving comfort to the enemy and for harboring spies " replied the major with military curtness

Mistress Thankful s cheek flushed slightly at the last sentence, a recollection of the scene on the porch and the baron's stolen kiss flashed across her, and for a moment she looked as guilty as if the man before her had been a witness to the deed He saw it, and misinterpreted her confusion

"Belike, then," said Mistress Thankful, slightly raising her voice and standing squarely before the major, "belike, then, I should be a prisoner too, for the guests of this house, if they be spies, were my guests, and, an my father's daughter, I was their hostess ay, man, and right glad to be the hostess of such gallant gentlemen—gentlemen, I warrant, too fine to insult a defenseless girl, gentlemen spies that did not cock their boots on the table or turn an honest farmer's house into a taproom '

An expression of half pain, half amusement covered the face of the major, but he made no other reply than by a profound and gracefull bow Courteous and deprecatory as it was it apparently exasperated Mistress Thankful only the more.

"And pray who are these spies and who is the informer?" said Mistress Thankful, facing the soldier, with one hand truculently placed on her flexible hip and the other slipped behind her "Methinks 'tis more honest we should know when and how we have entertained both."

"Your father, Mistress Thankful," said Maj Van Zandt gravely, "has long been suspected of favoring the enemy, but it has been the policy of the commander in chief to overlook the political preferences of non-combatants, and to strive to win their allegiance to the good cause by liberal privileges But when it was lately discovered that two strangers, although bearing a pass from him, have been frequenters of this house under fictitious names"——

You mean Count Ferdinand and the Baron Pomposo," said Thankful quickly —"two honest gentlefolk, and if they choose to pay their devoirs to a lass—although, perhaps, not a quality lady, yet an honest girl"——

' Dear Mistress Thankful," said the major with a profound bow and smile that, spite of its courtesy, drove Thankful to the verge of wrathful hysterics, "if you establish that fact—and, from this slight acquaintance with your charms, I doubt not you will—your father is safe from further inquiry or detention. The commander in-chief is a gentleman who has never underrated the influence of your sex, nor held himself averse to its fascinations."

"What is the name of this informer?" broke in Mistress Thankful angrily "Who is it that has dared"——

"It is but king's evidence, mayhap, Mistress Thankful, for the informer is himself under arrest It is on the information of Capt. Allan Brewster, of the Connecticut contingent."

Mistress Thankful whitened, then flushed, and then whitened again. Then she stood up to the major

"It's a lie—a cowardly lie!"

Maj Van Zandt bowed. Mistress Thankful flew up stairs, and in another moment swept back again into the room in riding hat and habit.

"I suppose I can go and see—my father," she said, without lifting her eyes to the officer.

"You are free as air, Mistress Thankful. My orders and instructions, far from implicating you in your father's offenses, do not even suggest your existence Let me help you to your horse."

The girl did not reply. During that brief interval, however, Cæsar had saddled her white mare and brought it to the door Mistress Thankful, disdaining the offered hand of the major, sprang to the saddle

The major still held the reins. ' One moment, Mistress Thankful "

Let me go"' she said, with suppressed passion

"One moment, I beg "

His hand still held her bridle rein The mare reared, nearly upsetting her Crimson with rage and mortification, she raised her riding whip and laid it smartly over the face of the man before her

He dropped the rein instantly Then he raised to her a face calm and colorless, but for a red line extending from his eyebrow to his chin, and said quietly

He dropped the rein instantly

"I had no desire to detain you I only wished to say that when you see Gen Washington I know you will be just enough to tell him that Maj Van Zandt knew nothing of your wrongs, or even your presence here until you presented them, and that since then he has treated you as became an officer and a gentleman "

Yet even as he spoke she was gone. At the moment that her fluttering skirt swept in a furious gallop down the hill side, the major turned and re-entered the house The few lounging troopers who were witnesses of the scene prudently turned their eyes from the white face and blazing eyes of their officer as he strode by them Nevertheless, when the door closed behind him, contemporary criticism broke out

' Tis a Tory jade, vexed that she cannot befool the major as she has the captain," muttered Sergt. Tibbits

"And going to try her tricks on the general " added Private Hicks

Howbeit both these critics may have been wrong For as Mistress Thankful thundered down the Morristown road she thought of many things She thought of her sweetheart Allan a prisoner and pining for her help and her solicitude and yet—how lared he—if he had really betrayed or misjudged her And then she thought bitterly of the count and the baron and burned to face the latter and in some vague way charge the stolen kiss upon him as the cause of all her shame and mortification And lastly she thought of her father, and began to hate every body But above all and through all, in her vague fears for her father, in her passionate indignation against the baron, in her fretful impatience of Allan, one thing was ever dominant and obtrusive, one thing she tried to put away, but could not—the handsome, colorless face of Maj Van Zandt, with the red welt of the riding whip overlying its cold outlines.

The rising wind, which had ridden much faster than Mistress Thankful, had increased to a gale by the time it reached Morristown It swept through the leafless maples and rattled the dry bones of the elms It whistled through the quiet Presbyterian churchyard, as if trying to arouse the sleepers it had known in days gone by It shook the blank, luster less windows of the Assembly rooms over the Freemasons tavern and wrought in their gusty curtains moving shadows of those amply petticoated dances and tightly hosed cavaliers who had swung in ' Sir Roger" or jigged in "Money Musk" the night before

But I fancy it was around the isolated "Ford mansion," better known as the "headquarters," that the wind wreaked its grotesque rage It howled under its scant eaves, it sang under its bleak porch, it tweaked the peak of its front gable, it whistled through every chink and cranny of its square, solid, unpicturesque structure Situated on a hillside that descended rapidly to the Whippany river, every summer zephyr that whispered through the porches of the Morristown farm houses charged as a stiff breeze upon the swinging half doors and windows of the "Ford mansion," every wintry wind became a gale that threatened its security. The sentry who paced before its front porch knew from experience when to linger under its lea and adjust his thread bare outer coat to the bitter north wind

Within the house something of this cheerlessness prevailed. It had an ascetic gloom, which the scant firelight of the reception room and the dying embers on the dining room hearth failed to dissipate The central hall was broad, and furnished plainly with a few rush bottomed chairs, on one of which half dozed a black body servant of the commander-in-chief Two officers in the dining room, drawn close by the chimney corner chatted in undertones, as if mindful that the door of the drawing room was open, and their voices might break in upon its sacred privacy The swinging light in the hall partly illuminated it, or rather glanced gloomily from the black polished furniture the lusterless chairs the quaint cabinet the silent spinet, the skeleton legged center table, and finally upon the motionless figure of a man seated by the fire

It was a figure since so well known to the civilized world, since so celebrated in print and painting, as to need no description here Its rare combination of gentle dignity with profound force, of a settled resoluteness of purpose with a philosophical patience, have been so frequently delivered to a people not particularly remarkable for these qualities, that I fear it has also often provoked a spirit of playful aggression, in which the deeper underlying meaning was forgotten. So let me add that in manner, physical equipoise, and even in the mere details of dress, this figure indicated a certain aristocratic exclusiveness. It was the presentment of a king—a king who by the irony of circumstances was just then waging war against all kingship, a ruler of men, who just then was fighting for the right of these men to govern themselves, but whom by his own inherent right he dominated. From the crown of his powdered head to the silver buckle of his shoe he was so royal that it was not strange that his brother George of England and Hanover—ruling by accident, otherwise impiously known as the "grace of God"—could find no better way of resisting his power than by calling him "Mr. Washington."

The sound of horses' hoofs, the formal challenge of sentry, the grave questioning of the officer of the guard, followed by footsteps upon the porch, did not apparently disturb his meditation. Nor did the opening of the outer door, and a charge of cold air into the hall that invaded even the privacy of the reception room, and brightened the dying embers on the hearth, stir his calm preoccupation. But an instant later there was the distinct rustle of a feminine skirt in the hall, a hurried whispering of men's voices, and then the sudden apparition of a smooth, fresh faced young officer over the shoulder of the unconscious figure.

"I beg your pardon, general," said the officer doubtingly, "but"——

"You are not intruding, Col. Hamilton," said the general quietly

"There is a young lady without who wishes an audience of your excellency 'Tis Mistress Thankful Blossom, the daughter of Abner Blossom, charged with treasonous practice and favoring the enemy, now in the guardhouse at Morristown '

'Thankful Blossom?' repeated the general interrogatively

'Your excellency doubtless remembers a little provincial beauty and a famous toast of the country side—the Cressida of our Morristown epic, who led our gallant Connecticut captain astray"——

"You have the advantages, besides the better memory of a younger man, colonel," said Washington, with a playful smile that slightly reddened the cheek of his aide-de-camp "Yet I think I have heard of this phenomenon. By all means, admit her—and her escort "

"She is alone, general," responded the subordinate

' Then the more reason why we should be polite " returned Washington, for the first time altering his easy posture, rising to his feet and lightly clasping his ruffled hands before him. "We must not keep her waiting Give her access, my dear colonel, at once, and even as she came—alone "

The aide-de-camp bowed and withdrew In another moment the half opened door swung wide to Mistress Thankful Blossom.

She was so beautiful in her simple riding dress, so quaint and original in that very beauty, and, above all, so teeming with a certain vital earnestness of purpose just positive and audacious enough to set off that beauty, that the grave gentleman before her did not content himself with the usual formal inclination of courtesy, but actually advanced, and, taking her cold little hand in his, graciously led her to the chair he had just vacated.

"Even if your name were not known to me Mistress Thankful," said the commander in-chief, looking down upon her with grave politeness, "nature has, methinks, spared you the necessity of any introduction to the courtesy of a gentleman But how can I especially serve you?"

Alack! the blaze of Mistress Thankful's brown eyes had become somewhat dimmed in the grave half lights of the room, in the graver, deeper dignity of the erect, soldier like figure before her The bright color born of the tempest within and without had somehow faded from her cheek, the sauciness begotten from bullying her horse in the last half hour's rapid ride was so subdued by the actual presence of the man she had come to bully that I fear she had to use all her self control to keep down her inclination to whimper, and to keep back the tears that, oddly enough, rose to her sweet eyes as she lifted them to the quietly critical yet placid glance of her interlocutor

' I can readily conceive the motive of this visit, Miss Thankful," continued Washington, with a certain dignified kindliness that was more reassuring than the formal gallantry of the period, "and it is I protest, to your credit. A father's welfare however erring and weak that father may be, is most seemly in a maiden '——

Thankful s eyes flashed again as she fantine distress, now stiffened and curled as she confronted the dignified figure before her It is not of my father I would speak, " she said saucily "I did not ride here alone to-night in this weather, to talk of him I warrant he can speak for himself I came here to speak of myself, of lies—ay, lies told of me, a poor girl; ay, of cowardly gossip about me and my sweetheart Capt Brewster, now confined in prison because he hath loved me, a lass without politics or adherence to the cause ask the confidence or permission of your self or, behike, my Lady Washington, in his preferences '

She paused a moment out of breath With a woman s quickness of intuition she saw the change in Washington's face —saw a certain cold severity overshadowing it With a woman's fateful persistence—a persistency which I humbly suggest might, on occasion, be honorably copied by our more politic sex—she went on to say what was, in her, even if she were obliged, with a woman's honorable inconsistency, to unsay it in an hour or two later, an inconsistency which I also humbly protest might be as honorably imitated by us—on occasion.

' It has been said, ' said Thankful Blossom quickly, "that my father has given entertainment knowingly to two spies—two spies that, begging your excellency's pardon and the pardon of congress, I know only as two honorable gentlemen who have as honorably tendered me their affections. It is said, and basely and most falsely too, that my sweetheart, Capt. Allan Brewster, has lodged this information I have ridden here to deny it. I have ridden here to demand of you that an honest woman's reputation shall not be sacrificed to the interests of politics, that a prying mob of ragamuffins shall not be sent to an honest farmer's house to spy and spy—and turn a poor girl out of doors that they might do it. 'Tis shameful, so it is, there! 'tis most scandalous, so it is, there, now! Spies, indeed! what are they, pray?"

In the indignation which the recollection of her wrongs had slowly gathered in her, from the beginning of this speech, she had advanced her face, rosy with courage and beautiful in its impertinence, within a few inches of the dignified features and quiet gray eyes of the great commander To her utter stupefaction he bent his head and kissed her, with a grave benignity, full on the center of her audacious forehead.

He bent his head and kissed her.

"Be seated, I beg, Mistress Blossom," he said, talking her cold hand in his and quietly replacing her in the unoccupied chair "Be seated, I beg, and give me, if you can, your attention for a moment. The officer intrusted with the ungracious task of occupying your father's house is a member of my military family, and a gentleman If he has so far forgotten himself—if he has so far disgraced himself and me as"——

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Mr Sturgeon's portrait had not been received at the hour of going to press

The subject of this sketch is the Republican nominee for District Attorney Mr Sturgeon was born in Harrison township Potter county Pa on the 1st day of June 1852 From his early boyhood up to 1871 he worked on farm work during the summer months and attended school winters He next added work during the summer months and attended school winters He next added the studies of Harrison and Leonard and received a thorough academical education In 1872 he entered the law office of his brother J S Sturgeon of Port Allegany and was admitted to the Potter county Bar in 1873 He opened the District Attorney of Potter county and remained with him for two years and a half assisting him in official work In 1874 he again resumed the study of law and was admitted to the Bar in April 1876 He was again nominated for a second term and elected which he declined as his brother's office in Bradford in the county of McKean and was appointed Deputy U S Marshall for the Western District of Pennsylvania and served in that capacity until the fall of 1877 While he was residing here he

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...number of fine residences will be ...next year.

...Work on Lewis Ruger's house on ...street is progressing rapidly.

...Post of Knights of Maccabees was ...in Coudersport last week.

...place of first-class attraction at the ...House within the next few days.

...various candidates for county of... ...have a very busy week before them.

...Shipp lost a valuable cow last ...Friday. The animal partook too freely of ...

...The next meeting of the survivors of ...Bucktail regiment will be held in ...Bradford.

...A road has been put over the stairs ...leading up to the photograph galleries in ...Bank Block.

...The pressure of gas has been greatly ...increased since the gasometer was loaded ...with fresh fuel.

...W. White recently sold in Kane ...a ton of prime honey from his apiary ...in the borough.

...Superintendent Eckels has just reason ...to be feeling proud over the success of ...Teachers' Institute.

...Dr. Gifford is just now pushing a ...vigorous campaign against the poachers in ...the neighborhood of woods.

...One hundred and eighty-six teachers ...were in attendance at the Potter county ...Teachers Institute.

...Ed. Wallace, of Kane, and Miss ...Mary Carroll, of Sheffield, were married ...at Warren last week.

...over 300 teachers were in attendance ...at Tioga county Teachers' Institute ...on the day of its session.

...Edward Colquist and Ellen Anderson, both of Colegrove, this county, were ...married at Olean last week.

...Sheriff Eannon courteously showed a ...number of the teachers through the jail ...during their stay in town last week.

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...The fever at Austin seems to hold its own. It is said that one of the physicians in attendance had eighty visits in one day.—*Coudersport Journal.*

...All Hallow-een next Monday evening! Put extra fastenings on your front door, and load your shotguns to the muzzle with rock salt.

...The Ness Family will give an entertainment at Eldred on Monday evening next, under the auspices of Sartwell Hose Co. of that place.

...Rev. Charles Strong, of the Orphans' Home, in Keating township, gave a lecture in Cuba, N. Y., last week on the care of homeless children.

...Don't forget that the Ness Family make their first appearance before a Smethport audience, at the Opera House, on Saturday evening.

...Smethport has a three-year-old boy who weighs 98 pounds. If he keeps on eighteen into the dime museum people will be after him.—*Bradford Era.*

...The partnership lately subsisting between Rice & Bemenhoff, at Frisbee, this county, has been dissolved. George W. Rice will continue the business.

...We had the pleasure of feasting on a fine dish of stewed oysters as could be found at Delmonico's, a few evenings since, at the bakery on Mechanic street.

...The MINER'S portrait gallery abounds with familiar, and at the same time handsome faces this week. The graver's art has brought them out true to life, and no mistake.

...In the *Leader* says that Mrs. M. Cossaboom was called to Mansfield, Tioga county, last evening by the illness of her son Daniel, who is a pupil in the Soldiers' Orphan School there.

...Notwithstanding there have been several important suits that have been engaging the attention of the Judge and jury this week, the attendance at court has been rather small.

...The election proclamation as published in this county occupies nearly double the space accorded to it in the Bradford, McKean and Potter county papers.—*Mansfield Advertiser.*

...On the fourth page may be found a picture of Mr. Sitting Bull, an exceedingly bad Indian, who has been exceedingly busy trying to stir up disturbances among the fellow red men in the far west.

...What are we poor mortals going to do about it anyway? Coal is scarce, wood is hard to get, coal has been an unpurchasable luxury in this town along back, and the harbingers of winter are coming thick and fast.

...A lady residing in this city will be compelled to appear before the court at Smethport to answer to a charge of willful and malicious slander. The complainant, who is a lady, desires to vindicate her good name.—*Bradford Era.*

...The members of the Woman's Relief Corps who visited Smethport, Thursday are loud in their praises of the generous treatment they received at the hands of the Smethport members.—*Bradford Star.*

...Some of the teachers during their stay in town last week visited the highest point in the State, with one exception—"Prospect Hill." They were charmed with the grand scenery this high elevation unrolled to their view.

...George Brownell says "they were the best-looking corps of school marms he ever saw in attendance at any Institute—especially the Bradford delegation." As George is a pretty good judge, we will take his word for it.

...In our account of the shooting accident at Wright's Corners, last week, the type made it to say that C. C. Wright, Esq., received the injury, when they should have stated that it was Mr. Wright's son who was shot in the arm.

...Mrs. C. H. Swarthout has advertised to sell at public auction, on Tuesday, Nov. 1st, at the Ripley farm in Keating township, her entire property, consisting of horses, cows, wagons, harness, etc., together with household furniture.

...Charley Lemmler is one of our local minstrels who does not make a practice of returning from the woods empty handed. On Wednesday last he brought in two partridges, and a mink, and he didn't call it much of a day for hunting either.

...Editor Helme, of the Friendship (N. Y.) *Register*, visited New York recently for the first time in forty years. Robert must have lost the bearings of the compass in the metropolis, as that city has grown somewhat in those forty years.

...Rev. C. H. Mitchelmore will preach his farewell sermon in the Baptist church next Sunday. His many friends in this vicinity will be glad to have another opportunity of listening to him before he takes his departure for his Nebraska home.

...The lecture of Miss Narcissa White, of Mercer, before the Teachers' Institute on Thursday evening of last week, is spoken of as having been a masterly effort on the part of that talented lady. Those who did not hear her certainly missed a rare treat.

...The Elmira *Telegram* has again outgrown its quarters, and will soon move into a more commodious building, and much new machinery will be added to the plant, among which will be a new web perfecting press. The success of that journal has been phenomenal.

...Two fine carcasses of deer were on exhibition in front of M. L. Armstrong's on Monday last. This was the first venison of the season that has made its appearance in this town. John B. Oviatt, of Norwich, and Geo. Anderson, of Hamilton, are the two lucky hunters.

...Owing to trains missing connection, Dr. J. H. Vincent did not reach Bradford last Friday evening, and as a consequence a new date will be fixed for his lecture in that city. There were 1,500 tickets out for the lecture, and the disappointment of the holders must have been great.

...McKean county is destined to become the leading leather producing centre of the country. Eastern capitalists are beginning to find this an A No. 1 section in which to locate their mammoth tanneries, and as a consequence these industries are springing up throughout the county like mushrooms.

...Ell Perkins lectured before the teachers at Smethport, last evening, on "The Philosophy of Wit." He knows many monumental lies he told, no one will ever know. Indeed, it is doubtful if he knows himself. As the line that separates truth from falsehood is apparently unknown to him.—*Kane Leader.*

...Prof. W. F. Eckels, the gentlemanly and efficient County Superintendent of Public Schools, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Eckels reports the schools in his district in a flourishing state and in several places the attendance is greatly in excess of the capacity of the school building.—*Rew. 26th inst.*

...An exchange remarks that "the cheapest and simplest gymnasium in the world—one that will exercise every bone in the body—is a piece of steel notched on one side, fitted tightly in a wooden frame, and after being greased on both sides with a bacon rind, rubbed into a stick of wood lengthwise of a saw-buck."

...On the first page of the MINER will be found the portraits and biographical sketches of Hon. Thomas A. Morrison, Wm. B. Clarke, and J. H. McElroy, Republican candidates respectively for the offices of Additional Law Judge of the 55th Judicial District, Sheriff, and Prothonotary, etc., of McKean county.

...Buffalo gets her supply of natural gas from the wells near Burning Well, McKean county, about five miles above Wilcox. The pressure on the mains at the wells is 300 pounds, and the distance to Buffalo in the neighborhood of 100 miles. Consumers in Buffalo pay 20 cents per 1,000 cubic feet for the gas.—*Kane Leader.*

...The Cameron Iron & Coal Company pays their employes every two weeks. Their pay roll last pay day was over $7,000. Who says that amount of money scattered around town does not help the business of Emporium. What will it be when the works are completed and three to five hundred men are employed?—*Press.*

...Two car loads of as bright and pretty school teachers as can be found north of Mason and Dixon's line took passage on conductor Richmond's train on the Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua Railroad last Friday evening. They were the last contingent of outgoing teachers who had been in attendance at the Institute during the week.

...The Olean *Democrat* remarks: "Hill Perkins, a circus, and a convention of school teachers invaded Smethport yesterday. It was quite a crazy quilt day for Smethport." But we can assure brother Smethport, the foregoing dazzling attractions, the contrary, that Smethport withstood the shock with remarkable composure.

...Thanksgiving will soon be here, and in view of the festivities of that day our friend Alfred Scarrdivent is training up an entire flock of young turkeys as has come under our observation in a long time. But Alfred should teach those fowls the art of roosting high, or else his prospective Thanksgiving dinner may be sadly interfered with.

...Tim Kinney of Marvin Creek, left in our office on Monday last a few specimens of the "Late Rose" variety of potatoes, which he raised on his farm this season. We never saw a finer display, and they have been greatly admired by all who have seen them. This was not a bad season for potatoes after all, in this section of country.

...Twenty members of the Women's Relief Corps of Bradford visited the Relief Corps of Smethport on Thursday of last week. Several of the Bradford ladies had never visited Smethport before, and they seemed to enjoy their trip very much. They were most sumptuously entertained by the Smethport Corps, and left for home in the best of spirits.

...Rev. T. W. Chandler assumed charge of his new appointment at Smethport, Pa., Sunday. He reports himself as highly pleased with the people whom he had the pleasure of meeting. The citizens of Smethport will like Mr. Chandler, for the simple reason that they can't help it. He is a thoroughly good and cultured gentleman.—*Cuba Patriot.*

...Last Monday morning John Smith and Vine Davis, of Newark, and two gentlemen from Buffalo, hunted from Farmers' Valley down as far as the Larrabee dam, and the result of their day's hunt was twelve partridges, three woodcock and one rabbit. A pretty good haul that when it is taken into consideration that game of that description is scarce in this section.

...On Saturday evening next our citizens will have an opportunity of listening to the famous Ness Family, of which the Passaic (N. J.) *Item* says: "There has never been a troupe visited our town that more highly appreciated and more deservedly popular. As a family, they are not only superb musicians, but are highly refined and intellectual." Go and hear them at the Opera House.

...An Allegany county (N. Y.) exchange says: "At a village election in Alfred Center, Allegany county, Tuesday, ten women cast votes and the election officers received them, declaring that the legal opinions gathered and published by counsel for the woman's suffrage party had convinced them of a legal right of women to vote. Following this action comes the announcement that at a meeting of the woman's suffrage party in New York Tuesday evening it was stated that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of the State had resolved to go the polls and vote Rifle fall."

...Ice formed on the pond on Wednesday last.

...Rev. J. E. Brown, who was some time ago expelled from the M. E. church, in Allentown, on a charge of conduct unbecoming a minister, took his case to the General Conference at a session just held at Lefley. The decision rendered against Mr. Brown heretofore was reversed and a new trial ordered. The new trial will be held at Cerro Sone time in December next.—*Wellsville Democrat.*

...Clarence Gifford and John Whitmore, two woodsmen, were bound over in court on Saturday last by Alderman Wolcott, of Bradford, to answer to a charge of larceny of two coats from a woodsman named John Horton. While the complainant was sleeping off the effects of an overdose of Bradford "forty-rod" it is charged that the defendants relieved his person of both his overcoat and buckskin coat.

...We are indebted to Secretary Frank Johnson, of the Northwestern Association, G. A. R., for a copy of the proceedings of the annual meeting held at Oil City on the 25th of August. If it should so happen that another edition of the proceedings should be published, we trust Comrade Johnson will correct the names of the delegates who represented Post 347. They were J. F. Backus and S. M. McElroy.

...On Monday morning last Samuel Southwick, who lives about two miles below this borough, on the Farmers' Valley road, shot a golden eagle that measured 6 feet 8 inches from tip to tip, and weighed 16½ pounds. The bird swooped down near the house and was engaged in a battle with a tame crow when he was shot. The eagle is now in the hands of Emil Thamm, who will mount it in first-class shape.

...An exchange says that the Warren county Commissioners have discovered that hundreds of couples have been married the past few years in an old house on the western border of the county, under the impression that they were being married in Ohio and escaping the hideous law. They find the house is in Pennsylvania, and insist that the marrying ought to be done over again to give the matrons a legal status.

...We stated last week that the Kings Corner school house was to be thoroughly overhauled and another story added to the same. Since we received the above information it has been decided to commence at the foundation and put up an entire new building. A. T. Shenkman, of East Smethport, has purchased the old building. Consideration, $60. He will move it across the road and convert it into a dwelling house.

...A Convention of Select Knights of McKean county was held at the hall of Legion No. 16, in Bradford, on Thursday of last week. At the election of officers, which took place in the evening, C. E. Knight, of Derrick City Legion No. 4, was elected Colonel; L. A. Smith, Bradford Legion No. 16, Lieutenant, and George W. Williams, of Smethport Legion No. 22, Major. Every Legion in the county was represented.

...Probably the largest audience that ever gathered together in this borough was that which greeted Ell Perkins at the Court House Wednesday evening. The large court room was literally packed.—Smethport Mirror. And that audience probably got the least for its money of any audience that ever gathered together in McKean county.—Ell Warren *Mail*. And there is no mistake about that, Mr. Cowan.

...It is announced that Prof. P. M. Black will retire from the management of the orchestra bearing his name on the first of next month, and that Prof. J. J. Jamison will assume charge of the same. Perry's many friends this side of the hill will be sorry to hear of his retirement from the above well-known musical organization, and they will wish him all manner of good luck in the new business which he will soon embark in.

...The "beautiful snow" poet has bethought himself to get down his battered and tattered old machine, and get it oiled up ready to grind out its disjointed and worn-out rhymes on the slightest provocation. We have a devil, who has a strong gastronomical appetite, to whom all effusions of that sort will be fed as soon as they reach this office. This is a much better way of silencing the "Snow" poets than to use the shot-gun on them.

...We understand that $5,000 were subscribed in Port Allegany within a very short time on Saturday last as an inducement for a Boston company to locate a large tannery plant in that borough. The location selected for the buildings is a twenty-acre plot of ground on P. H. Arnold's farm directly across the railroad from the depot. It is said that work will be commenced on the same at an early day. We congratulate our neighbors on their enterprise in securing this new industry for their town.

...The Baptist society of this place is to be congratulated on their good fortune in securing the services of Rev. F. H. Smith as their pastor. Mr. Smith preached his first sermons in Smethport on Sunday last, and made a very favorable impression, and at a church meeting it was decided to extend to him a call. The new pastor possesses much talent and is a speaker of considerable force, and without is a most companionable gentleman socially. He and his family will be heartily welcomed to our town.

...The "Mistakes" Comedy Company will occupy the boards at Kittredge Opera House on Monday evening next. At which time Miss Nellie A. Brown, supported by a strong company of metropolitan artists, will make her first appearance before a Smethport audience in the laughable farce comedy, in two acts, entitled "Mistakes," introducing strong specialties, new songs, dances, duets, courtesies, etc., making it one of the strongest companies traveling. They keep the audience in a roar of laughter from the time the curtain rises until it falls.

...There is a very bad piece of road near Kinzua at what is known as Sugar Run Narrows, a fact that Walter L. Mann, the efficient mail, will cheerfully subscribe to in the light of the events that have occurred in that neighborhood recently. A few weeks since that gentleman's advance advertising wagon and horses went over the precipice at the above point. The horses were killed and the wagon totally wrecked. This accident brought the circus season prematurely to a close at Kinzua two days after it exhibited in this borough. On Wednesday of last week as the main circus train was proceeding along this same strip of road, one of the wagons and team went over the almost perpendicular embankment to the river bed below—a distance of nearly 100 feet. Both horses were killed and the wagon and its load were smashed into splinters. The driver saved himself by jumping.

An Enjoyable Occasion.

The members of the Women's Relief Corps and many of the Comrades of the G. A. R. Posts of Duke Centre and Smethport, visited the Eldred W. R. C. and Post on Friday evening of last week, and although the weather was about as disagreeable as it could be the testimony of the visiting organizations was overwhelming that they never put in a more delightful evening. The rooms of the Eldred Post are about the most commodious in the County, and they were filled to overflowing with the members of the organizations represented. The business of the two Eldred organizations having been disposed of the guests were invited into the banquet room, and there was spread one of the most elegant collations a hungry crowd was ever called upon to put out of sight. After the eating business was attended to all gathered in the Post room, where, until after midnight, there was an outpouring of speech and song which was really the most enjoyable part of the occasion. The speeches of Mrs. E. E. Brown, of Rixford, and Mrs. E. Howson, of Port Allegany, and the recitation of "Barbara Fritchey" by Mrs. T. A. Morrison, of this place, stirred the hearts of the veterans to the highest pitch. Another interesting feature of the exercises was the sweet singing of the young daughter of Major Beaudress of Eldred. There was very much said and sung that we haven't room this week to refer to, but all who participated only hope that there may be frequent recurrences in the county of such meetings.

St. Luke's Church.

"Church Unity" will be the subject at morning service on Sunday next. Services at 4 and 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

On Friday, the 28th, at 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, ("All Saints' Day") at 10:30 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Bishop Whitehead will officiate on Sunday evening, Nov. 6th.

PERSONAL MENTION.

We would deem it a favor if those having friends visiting in this place would notify us by postal or by leaving a notice at this office.

Col. A. I. Wilcox, of Bradford, was in town this week.

Superintendent D. H. Burnham visited Bradford Monday.

J. W. Mason and daughter Cora, visited Buffalo on Friday last.

Dave Lee, of the Grand Central, drove over to Bradford on Sunday.

J. H. Desmond, of Clermont, called on us while in town on Wednesday.

Hon. M. F. Elliott, of Wellsboro, was in attendance at court this week.

Mrs. Warley Gifford visited Eldred friends the forepart of the week.

Ex-District Attorney McSweeney, of Bradford, was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Burbank visited Port Allegany friends last week.

County Superintendent W. F. Eckels and family are visiting Kane friends.

G. B. McCalmont, Esq., of Bradford, was in attendance at court this week.

Miss May Hall, of Port Allegany, visited Mrs. S. J. Gifford on Monday last.

James A. Anderson, Esq., of Kinzua, had business at the county seat this week.

D. W. Lerch, the job printer of Bradford, was among our most welcome callers on Monday last.

Hon. R. B. Stone of Bradford, graced our sanctum with his presence on Tuesday of this week.

F. W. Weidman, of Port Allegany, is serving his country this week in the capacity of a juror.

Capt. P. M. Fuller, one of the Republican candidates for County Commissioner, was in town this week.

Miss Blanche Moore, of Emporium, has been visiting Smethport friends during the past couple of weeks.

Mrs. F. Kerns was summoned to Carlisle Pa., on Wednesday, by a telegram announcing the death of her neice.

Mrs. A. T. Palmer returned on Saturday last from a five-weeks visit at her former home in Windham county, Conn.

Mrs. J. W. Reilly was called to Punxsutawney on Tuesday last by a telegram announcing that her husband had been injured.

Herr W. L. MacGowan, Superintendent of the Olean public schools, accompanied by his wife, attended the Institute here last week.

Clarence Moses and wife, who have been spending the summer at Belmont, N. Y., returned to their Smethport home on Friday last.

Capt. W. B. Chapman, Hon. W. W. Brown and F. W. Hastings are among the Bradford attorneys in attendance at court this week.

Henry Fisk, the court stenographer, is apparently an early riser and it can only be accounted for by his being a guest of Chester Sartwell, Esq.

Major Dempsey and Councilman Hefner of Bradford and E. E. Sherman, Esq., of Kendall creek were entertaining callers at the MINER office on Tuesday last.

George Squires, the well-known ball tosser, who is making his headquarters at Bradford at present, is renewing old acquaintances in Smethport this week.

Mr. S. J. Gifford, of Smethport, one of McKean county's most successful lumber manufacturers, was among our most welcome callers last week.—*Coudersport Workmen.*

State Treasurer Wm. Livsey and ex-State Treasurer Silas M. Bailey made us a pleasant call on Monday of this week. Mr. Livsey was an important witness in the suit of Bailly vs. Exchange Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Babcock were in Smethport last week visiting Mrs. H. Freeman, sister of Mrs. Babcock. Messrs. Fred Call and V. C. Smith spent part of Monday and Tuesday in Smethport.—*Cero Coronot.*

F. A. Thomas, of Port Allegany, was a pleasant caller at this office on Monday last. Mr. Thomas was in attendance at the meeting of the District Division, Sons of Temperance, which held its first meeting in this place.

Hon. Geo. K. Anderson, of New York, formerly State Senator from Crawford county, Pa., is in town this week. Senator Anderson is interested as one of the bondsmen, in the suit of ex-State Treasurer Baily vs. Huff & Ege.

Ezra Taylor who has been traveling extensively in the western and southern portion of this country and who was engaged for several years in the hard-ware business in Chicago was welcomed home by a host of friends on Saturday last.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. F. M. Kerns to Miss Mary L., eldest daughter of L. W. Mason, Esq., of this place. The happy event will occur on Wednesday of next week. The many friends of the contracting party in this section will unite with the MINER in extending congratulations.

Rev. C. H. Mitchelmore returned the forepart of the week from an extended trip in the west. We understand that he has received an unanimous call from the Baptist church in Central City, the county seat of Merrick county, Nebraska, a large and prosperous town in the southern part of the State. He reports himself as having been greatly pleased with the place and its people. It is his intention to move to his new western home next week. The best wishes of a host of friends in this section will go with him and his estimable family.

Fresh and delicious oysters every day at the Mechanic street bakery.

Dedication Services at Mt. Jewett.

The new Swedish Lutheran church at Mt. Jewett was dedicated to the service of Almighty God, on Sunday, the 23d inst. Rev. P. A. Bergquist, of Kane, delivered the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Lindstrom, of Chandler's Valley, Warren county, preached a very able sermon in the English language. There were nine ministers and nearly four hundred people present. A collection was taken up at the morning service amounting to $60 which will be used towards paying off the balance due on the edifice. The building cost considerable over $2,000 of which about $1,200 has been paid. The citizens around Mt. Jewett, and in fact throughout the county, who have been called upon, have responded liberally towards paying for this beautiful church building, but there is quite a bill yet to pay and certainly all who have the welfare of the community at heart will assist in liquidating it.

There were present at the dedicatory services representatives of six of the leading Swedish journals of the country. Among the prominent Swedes present were the venerable Rev. Hultgren from Jamestown, N. Y., Rev. Johnson from Warren, Pa., C. A. Anderson from Colegrove, A. Ryden from Kane and C. F. Erlandson and J. O. Sonbergh from Clermont.

If you want a plate of oysters served in sumptuous style go to the Mechanic street bakery.

A Church at East Smethport.

Within the present week a handsome church building has been erected at East Smethport. The building is the gift of the Betts family, and was removed from Buttsville in good order by a force of men employed by Frank Brooks. When the finishing touches have been put on, it will be a model of neatness and a great addition to that thriving hamlet, being complete in belfry, bell, organ, furniture and quite commodious, size 26x40, with vestibule 10x12. The Sunday school was begun over a year ago by St. Luke's church at East Smethport, where no school or services had been held for a long time. Many people there are now deeply interested in the work. A hearty, united effort on the part of all, is due to those who have furnished this handsome church building for the people of East Smethport. With the fine new school house about to be erected there, our neighbors have inducements to draw families to locate among them and to help in building up the place.

Besides serving oysters in every style at the bakery, Mr. Beatty furnishes parties, balls, and private families in any part of the town with oysters in any quantity and fresh from Baltimore.

For Sale.

One pair 6-years-old oxen; 2 good cows; one pair horses, 5 years old, weighing 2300 lbs; one pair nice drivers, 7 years old, weighing 2000 lbs, at A. T. Pallied's Livery Stable. Smethport, Pa.

Oysters raw, stewed, fried, steamed, scalloped or in any shape you desire at Beatty's bakery on Mechanic street.

Teachers' Institute.

The Institute opened on Monday noon of last week, with a large attendance. An able and interesting address of welcome was delivered by J. W. Bouton, Esq., which was appropriately responded to by Prof. Grimes, of Kendall borough.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. McCandless, of Smethport, after which the instructors were introduced to those who had assembled to participate in the sessions of the Institute. Then followed a short lesson by Prof. Geo. E. Little, of Philadelphia. In the evening Prof. Henry Houck, Deputy State Superintendent of Schools, delivered an address on the subject of education, which was not only instructive but exceedingly able. Miss Ida Chapman also gave some excellent readings.

At Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday's sessions lessons were given by Prof. Little, Miss Narcissa E. White, of Mercer, Mrs. Ida F. Chapman, of Bradford, and Prof. Houck. Tuesday evening Prof. Little entertained a large audience with his "Chalk Talk" lecture, during which his blackboard illustrations were produced with wonderful rapidity and accuracy. Wednesday evening "Ell Perkins" (M. D. Landon) of New York delivered his lecture on "Philosophy of Wit," to one of the largest and most select audiences ever gathered in the Court House. To say that his auditors were disappointed that the address did not give satisfaction is only mildly expressing the opinion of most of those present. There were some good points made, but very much of his talk consisted of stale jokes which have been perpetrated upon the public for a generation. Ell will not address a Teachers' Institute in McKean county again as long as Prof. Eckels is Superintendent.

Thursday was Director's day and although their number was not as large as we would wish, yet the meeting was one of interest. Mr. Jno. Fraser of Rixford was elected chairman and various topics of school law and management were discussed.

Thursday evening Miss White delivered an exceedingly interesting address, her subject being, "Keep Your Record Clean." She was listened to by a large audience.

Mrs. Brown of Rixford gave a lesson on music methods each morning and papers were produced through the week on educational subjects by Mrs. C. P. Cliffe of Kane, J. H. Kratz of Rew City, E. S. Stanford of Duke Centre, T. F. Driscoll of Dallas City and H. A. Bowers of Smethport.

The sessions of the Institute closed on Friday at noon, and soon after, the 150 teachers who had been in attendance were wending their way homeward. It was one of the most successful Institutes ever held in the county, and its success is largely due to Prof. Eckels, who for weeks past has given his undivided attention to the details which brought about so desirable a result.

Before closing the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We, as teachers of McKean county, feel that we have been highly and profitably entertained by the proceedings of the Institute just closing, and fully appreciating the good intentions that actuated every effort, therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the teachers be tendered to Superintendent Eckels for making this one of the most profitable meetings of the kind ever held in the county, and for his selection of able and efficient instructors, and that we give him every encouragement in his efforts to raise the standard of teachers' certificates.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Institute are due, (1st) to Hon. Henry Houck, Geo. E. Little, Miss Narcissa White, and Mrs. Ida Chapman for their efficient instruction; (2d) to Rev. J. H. McCandless for his kindness in conducting the devotional exercises of the Institute; (3d) to Messrs. Haskill & Burdick for the use of their very excellent piano, which they kindly furnished for the use of the Institute, and to Miss Lena Larrabee for her very fine music; (4th) to the County Commissioners for the use of the Court House; to the hotels for reduced rates; to the railroads for reduced fare, and to the citizens of Smethport for their hospitality to and interest in the Institute; (5th) to Mrs. E. E. Brown for her methods of teaching music, and to all the teachers who took part in, and so added to the interest of the Institute.

Resolved, That we appreciate the interest shown by the directors, who attended the exercises on Directors' Day, and express the hope that their numbers may be greatly increased another year.

J. M. Grimes, } Com.
J. E. Mullin, }
E. S. Stanford. }

Fresh oysters at the bakery.

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Church Unity.

The Executive Committee of the Episcopal Church Unity Society (organized October 11, 1886), earnestly requests the clergy generally to preach on the subject of Church Unity on the 21st Sunday after Trinity, being the 30th day of October next, and also to extend the same request to all Christian ministers wherever convenient and practicable, reporting the results to the general secretary.

All diocesan secretaries of the society are requested to send to the general secretary as soon as may be, a report showing work done in their dioceses, results obtained, method of operation, total of membership and other items of interest. A general report or summary will be compiled from these reports and published in the Church papers at an early date.

The society is pledged to no specific method for bringing about corporate unity but aims rather to unite all Christians in an organized effort to foster a desire for that unity. To this end it exhorts its members to be diligent in prayer and the energetic use of all legitimate means for commending this subject to the attention of enlightened and thoughtful Christian people. For the committee,

W. S. Sayres, General Secty.
Morris, Ill., Sept. 23, 1887.

New invoice of goods just received at H. C. Young's.

For lumber, lath, shingles, flooring, go to F. E. Brooks, Smethport, Pa. 4-tf.

Call and examine Young's bargain counter.

For lime, hair, plaster, cement, etc., go to F. E. Brooks, Smethport.

2ts First Meeting.

The District Division of Sons of Temperance, comprising the counties of McKean, Potter and Cameron, held its first meeting in Backus' Hall, in this borough, on Monday last. There were about fifty delegates present, representing sixteen Divisions. Reports from the various Divisions showed an increased membership, with the exception of one Division. A regular line of work was laid out for the three counties in the District. The session, which was held with closed doors, was marked by the utmost good fellowship and much good will undoubtedly grew out of this intermingling of views. The next meeting of the Division will be held in Eldred the third week in January next. The delegates were handsomely entertained by the members of the Smethport Division.

Undoubtedly a Fictitious Address.

John Rittmore, of Smethport, came to Bradford yesterday and partook freely of Tuna Valley coffin varnish. This fluid an exhilerating effect on John and he became noisy. He took possession of the ladies' waiting room at the Erie depot, and when his right to do so was disputed by Baggageman DeGoller he pulled a dangerous looking knife and threatened to do that young man bodily harm. Special Officer Flynn came to the rescue and captured the Smethport "terror." He will be tried before His Honor this morning.—*Bradford Era.*

A Card From The Richmond.

We, the members of the Richmond Hose Co. No. 2, of this place, wish to return our sincere thanks, through the columns of the MINER, to the citizens of Smethport and vicinity who so generously assisted in making our second annual fair and dance, which was held in the rink last week, a success. Especial thanks are tendered to the young ladies who so kindly responded when asked to look after the tables, provisions, etc.

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TARPORT SPECIALS.

Natt Getty, of Buffalo, arrived in town on Monday and is registered at the American House.

The shut down movement is the main topic of conversation among our producers and the men employed in bringing crude to the surface.

Thos. Crawford, who has been visiting with his friend J. T. Graham the past three weeks, returned to his home in Belmont, N. Y., on Monday.

Mrs. Hattie Babcock who has been the guest of her brothers L. R. and J. M. Shaw, the past ten days returned to her home in Union City Pa., on Tuesday. She will spend the winter in Los Angelos Cal., leaving on the first of December.

Kendall Creek Union, No. 349 E. A. U. is the strongest lodge in town in members and is taking in new recruits on each meeting night. The insurance connected with this beneficiary order is the cheapest, safest and best of all orders extant and must necessarily grow throughout the country.

Mrs. R. Troup lately purchased the Myers furniture building. The second story is being converted into a hall which will be 20x48 feet in the clear and will be finished up in handsome taste and furnished in attractive style. When once completed there will be four orders ready to occupy it. The first story is done off into a millinery and fancy store which is a model of beauty while her goods are displayed in attractive taste and by her selling her goods lower even than the very cheapest in Bradford merchants, she is building up a splendid trade.

If anything the Democrats are more disgusted than the K. of L's. There are a great many Backus Democrats in this section who do not hesitate to say that there is no Democratic ticket before the people of McKean county this year. Should the Hughes ticket be elected it will be claimed as a victory for the Union Labor party, a humiliation, which a prominent Democrat said to your correspondent on Monday last, he would not assist in heaping upon himself. Many Democrats as well as Knights will vote the straight Republican ticket. On the other hand the Republicans are alive to the situation, and confidently expect to score a splendid victory on the 8th of November.

As election day draws nigh we deem it important that the readers of the MINER should know what the sentiment and expression of the people is politically in this part of the county. We have an assembly of the K. of L. here and there is no disguising the fact that the members of that organization are considerably mixed as to the tickets in the field. Many of them, particularly the Republican members, will support the Republican ticket straight. Others will support it partially, and very few of them are willing to concede that they have lost their identity with the Republican and Democratic parties. They insist that the Union Labor party does not absorb the K. of L's in any sense, and that the Hughes-Coughlon-erated ticket smacks too largely of a trade to receive the support of straight-forward citizens.

Volunteer.

Tarport, Oct. 26.

Summer goods at and below cost, at Young's.

J. C. Hamlin has just returned from the city with a new line of stoves, guns, &c. Call and see him and get prices before buying elsewhere.

NORWICH NOTES.

George Burdick has been seriously ill during the past week.

Mrs. J. Colegrove is in Smethport, painting with Mrs. Mitchelmore.

Mrs. B. D. Colegrove, with her infant daughter, is visiting her parents at Annin Creek.

Myrtie Oviatt intends to return to Olean this week for the further treatment of her eyes.

Wm. Hoover has moved his family to Smethport, where his son Charles is employed in the W. N. Y. & P. depot.

N. W. Heinemann has shut down his saw mill and is spending the week in Smethport, as juryman, much against his wishes.

Paul Wendell, of Olean called on some of his old friends and neighbors on Potato Creek last week, who were glad to behold his familiar face once more.

The Sunday school in the Union church was without either Superintendent or Asslstant, last Sunday, on account of the absence of J. C. McDowell and C. A. Anderson.

Eben Green is selling off his crops and live stock preparatory to breaking up housekeeping, on account of his wife's poor health. She intends to spend the winter with her parents in Smethport.

The N. T. Co. has built a neat and tasty residence on their grounds near the pump station, at Colegrove for C. A. Snow, one of their oldest and most valued employes, which will soon be ready for occupancy.

It is finally decided that Norwich is to have a settled pastor, who is expected with his family and worldly goods this week. There is talk of using the house formerly occupied by Wm. Hoover for a parsonage.

Homer Burlingame, the merchant tailor of Sizerville, has been taking orders for men's clothing along Potato Creek. He is a first-class business man, and his many friends in this vicinity wish him success. During his stay here he was the guest of Jonathan Colegrove.

T. Klingersmith, an employe of the N. T. Co., at Criderville, Ohio, has written to his family, in this place, to start for that place with their household goods on Tuesday of next week. They have made many friends during their stay in this place, and they will be greatly missed from among us.

As Mrs. Henry Hammond was returning home from a visit to her relatives and friends in Crawford county her son Paul, a bright and attractive boy, about six years of age, was taken sick with inflammation of the bowels and died very suddenly in Meadville. He was buried in the family burying ground at Dicksonburg. Little Paul was a child who was loved and admired by all who knew him, and he will be sadly missed. The family have the heartfelt sympathy of all their friends in this place.

E. W. H.

Norwich, Oct. 26.

Mason & Hamlin Pianos.

The improved method of fastening the strings of pianos, invented by the Mason & Hamlin Organ and Piano Company a few years since, is unquestionably one of the most important improvements ever made, making the instrument more richly musical in its tones, as well as more durable, and less liable to get out of tune.

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Wellsboro, Pa., Dec. 16 1886.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

(From our regular correspondent.)

WASHINGTON Oct 18 Mr Cleveland was selected to the Presidency as the candidate of a party, but in his memorial he gave timely notice that he looked upon public office as a public trust and pledged himself to economical administration on business principles. Did he mean that in two and a half years he would be flying around the land in a palace car, through the homes of the people and see how the money he was creating enthused was for a free and honest government by the statesmanship of the country in a statesmanlike manner and businesslike manner. He came into power March 4 1885 There was then in the Treasury $377 165 25 On the first of this month, according to the books of the Treasury, there is $8 00 172 219 showing in thirty one months of Democratic rule an increase of the surplus, or contraction of the business machinery of the country to the amount of $221,005,856. These are Treasury figures, and mean, and the fact itself is sufficient comment to show the hurtful sagacity of this administration and why our finances are in such a precarious condition The question is simply this Is it business to burden the people with taxation and then lock up the money

Many of the States represented here have their club organizations composed principally of office holders Notably among them is the State of Illinois Oberly of the Civil Service Commission, was recently invited to address that organization, and in his letter declining intimated that it was in violation of Civil Service rules for officials to take part in active campaign work, the object of such organizations being to raise funds and contributions and money for purely party purposes The Virginia Club of this city is very large and inspired unless there is a chance for some sort of blue-blood caught up the name and organized a quarrel with Oberly through the local press Oberly got the better of them in that field Last Saturday night the Ohio club met, and after a lot of "who was," actually thrust some very wholesome, square at the aforesaid resolutions square at the aforesaid points of resolutions square at the aforesaid points of resolutions square at the aforesaid points of